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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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Appln. No.: 09/870,676

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Confirmation No.: 7681

Examiner: Zachary C. Tucker

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For: PRODUCTION OF MIXED ACID ANHYDRIDE AND AMIDE COMPOUND

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2002. A two-month Petition for Extension of time is submitted herewith, making this response due February 19, 2003 (the PTO was closed February 18, 2003).

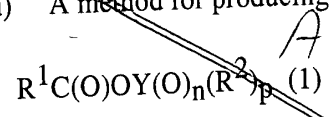
Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-4, 7, 8, and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

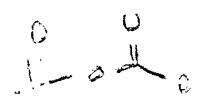
Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A method for producing a mixed acid anhydride of formula (1):



A
B

wherein R^1 , R^2 , Y, n and p denote the same as defined below,



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which comprises simultaneously adding

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